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TORONTO MARKETS.

TORONTO, March 5th, 1891.

BOOTS AND SHORS .- The factories have their full complement of operatives employed, but business is very quiet. Elections have interfered so much, that the most of houses here took all their travellers off the road ten days ago. They will resume their respective routes after the all-absorbing question is settled.

DRUGS.—Business continues fair and collec-tions much in the same position. Gum opium, quinine, and morphia sul. easy; tartaric and citric acid firmer; oil lemon, and oil peppermint still rule firm. There is not much change in values of leading goods, and outside of that there is very little movement.

DEY Goods .- Wholesale houses have been very busy these days, the buyers in the city being more numerous than anticipated a week ago. While not taking large parcels, they are purchas-ing various selections to replace the depletions in spring stocks. The demand for prints and steens, which are varied in design and color, the combinations being very pretty this season, is active. Embroideries for trimming purposes are also receiving consider-able attention. In dress goods, checks in double folds, of French manufacture, are active, as well as woollen and worsted dry goods from Bradford mills. Brocade mantles are in branord mills. Brockde mattles are in request, and silks and velvets are selling well. Velvetsens used extensively this year for bodices and arms. Cashmere hosiery and gloves are moving. All travellers are at home, having completed their first spring journey. Retail trade in the country for February has been fair, and remittences might be worse been fair, and remittances might be worse. The outlook is said to be encouraging and the prospects good for a fair spring trade yet to be done.

FLOUR AND OATMEAL.—The condition of flour has improved somewhat. Enquiries are more numerous and holders very firm. Prices all round unchanged. Oatmeal quiet with prices unaltered; bran, rather weaker, car lots quoted at \$16 on the track; smaller quantities, \$16.50.

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GROGERIES.—The volume of trade doing is more contracted than usual, presumably due to the elections. Canned goods moving very slowly, but firmly held at unchanged quotaslowly, but firmly held at unchanged quota-tions; coffees not so firm as they were; dried fruits in small compass and prices strong. The same may be said of all Mediterranean products. Syrups continue firm, with a scarcity of dark kinds; rice firm, with prices unaltered; sugars very firm; the demand for teas is active, and all low grades pretty well cleaned out of the market, especially low grade Japans, and there is nothing in this market Japans, and there is nothing in this market under 16c., the average figure being 20c. Re-mittances for February are said to have been very fair.

GRAIN.—Winter wheat is held firm, is in good demand for milling purposes, and ad-vanced one to two cents per bushel. Quota-tions as follows: No. 1, \$1.02 to 1.03; No. 2, \$1 to 1.01; No. 3, 95 to 96c. Spring wheat firm and in request for milling and export. Prices are increased by two cents per bushel firm and in request for milling and export. Prices are increased by two cents per bushel, and now stand at—No. 1,93 to 940.; No. 2, 91 to 920.; No. 3, 87 to 88c. Manitoba hard has also shared in the advance, and is quoted from two to three cents per bushel higher. No. 1, \$1.10 to 1.12; No. 2, \$1.05 to 1.06; No. 3, 95 to 97c. There is a good enquiry for milling purposes, lower grades wanted for export. Business is sadly checked by the scarce sup-ply. No large lots offering. In Manitoba hard No. 3 we heard of sales at 95c., and re-sold the same day at 97c. Barley dull, but held firm at unchanged prices; no round lots offering; all street lots readily taken by local brewers. Low grade barley in good export offering; all street lots readily taken by local brewers. Low grade barley in good export demand for the British markets, for feed-ing, a new feature in the business. Oats dearer, scarce and wanted; the small lots offering are not sufficient to supply the demand. Prices are 48 to 49c., an in-crease of two to three cents per bushel; peas are firmer and higher, by one to two cents, and now quoted at 66 to 67c.; good ex-port demand existing, and only small lots offering; rye in good demand locally and for export, with very little to be had; another the supplementary of the super-super little to be had; another the super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-super-su export, with very little to be had; quotations are up three to five cents, say 68 to 70c.; in corn there is nothing doing and prices purely are not so strong on wheat, although prices are unchanged ; corn is a halfpenny lower.

HARDWARE.-Trade has been exceedingly dull during the past week, but all prices remain firm. A number of orders have been handled for April delivery. There are no



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